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OF THE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY TREASURER

AND OTHER

OFFICERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

For Year Ending December 31, 1974

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COUNTY OFFICERS

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ARTHUR L. TROMBLY, Assistant	Keene

SHERIFF

GEORGE W. SCHNYER	Keene
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

PHYLLIS J. PARKER	Keene
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

RENA M. HOULE	Keene
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MEDICAL REFEREE

JAMES M. BALLOU, M. D.	Keene
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SUPERINTENDENT AT COUNTY FARM

CHARLES R. WATERMAN	Westmoreland
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DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES

HARRIET C. WATERMAN	Westmoreland
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PHYSICIAN AT MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL

THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, M. D.	Winchester
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AUDITORS

DORIS W. MORGAN	Keene
MICHAEL B. MOYNIHAN	Keene

MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

DIST. NO. 1 — ALSTEAD, SURRY, WALPOLE, WESTMORELAND

ROBERT L. GALLOWAY	Walpole
EDWARD A. JOHNSON	Walpole
ANTHONY STEVENS	Walpole

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DIST. 4 — FITZWILLIAM, RICHMOND

DALEY E. WHIPPLE	Fitzwilliam
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DIST. 7 — RINDGE

HAROLD E. SAVAGE

DIST. 8 — JAFFREY

HOMER J. FORCIER — ANNE B. GORDON

DIST. 9 — MARLBOROUGH, ROXBURY

WILLIAM L. YARDLEY	Marlborough
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DIST. 10 — DUBLIN, HARRISVILLE, NELSON

ROBBINS MILBANK	Nelson
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DIST. 11 — GILSUM, MARLOW, STODDARD, SULLIVAN

VIRGINIA W. TURNER	E. Sullivan
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DIST. 12 — KEENE, WARD 1

WAYNE E. HELIE — SUMNER W. RAYMOND

DIST. 13 — KEENE, WARD 2

H. ROBIE AMES — MICHAEL J. SAUNDERS

DIST. 14 — KEENE, WARD 3

CLEON E. HEALD — BERNARD A. STREETER

DIST. 15 — KEENE, WARD 4

MURIEL COOKE — E. H. CLOSE

STUART V. NIMS

DIST. 16 — KEENE, WARD 5

HAROLD F. DREW — ANDREA A. SCRANTON

CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION

JANUARY 9, 1974

After Mr. Waterman showed slides of the proposed site for the nursing home, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 12:30 p.m. at the County Farm in Westmoreland. Those members present were Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Slicer, Dunham, Savage, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Heald, Streeter, Close, Nims, Drew, Honorary member Barker, Commissioners Lewis, and Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman and others including media.

Mr. Marshala who was elected yesterday was introduced to the delegation.

The minutes of the building committee meetings were read for informational purposes. Chairman Ladd gave further details on ideas for building. There are no Federal funds available as the Hill-Burton act is washed out.

The convention recessed for a delicious dinner and reconvened after dinner.

Shell Barker told of visiting three nursing homes in Mass. with a double corridor layout with access to all facilities from either side and with rooms on the outside.

Mr. Ames asked why we had decided on 120 beds. It was explained there was no clearcut way to determine actual needs as waiting lists changed all the time. Mr. Lewis said under the new system, with revenue sharing, there are federal funds only for extended care. At present there are 242 beds in the county. About 220 of them are occupied.

Medico is a hospital nursing home medical group for construction and operation of nursing homes.

Motion made and seconded we pass over items one and two and adopt item three amended to read \$10,800.00 instead of \$25,000.00. On roll call motion passed Ayes 13, Nays 3.

Ayes

Stevens, Ladd, Slicer, Savage, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Heald, Streeter, Close, Nims, Drew

Nays

Elmer Johnson, Gordon, Ames

Motion made, seconded and passed we authorize the commissioners to borrow \$450,000 in anticipation of taxes.

Motion made, seconded and passed to reinstate the present building committee to work further with the commissioners.

Hold all matters on the Court House in abeyance until the report of the supreme court is received.

Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 2, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond in the Commissioner's office in Keene at 1 p.m. The following were present: Raymond, Dunham, Scranton, Edward Johnson, Whipple, Gordon and Commissioner Savage.

The budget was discussed in detail. Chairman Raymond said he would confer with Mr. Hooker to see if he could get a little more income for Cheshire County as we get \$14 and other counties get \$16.

Farm receipts are up due to an increase in the price of milk and the sale of some timber.

Clerical salaries have been increased 5½%.

Item 104.1 It was agreed this amount should not go down as there has been an increase of 40% in the cost of paper products.

Item 106 Travel and expenses is increased because of a trip to Washington.

Item 118 County delegation expenses should be increased to \$11,000 due to increase in pay scale.

Item 104 Under this it is suggested that a transcriber at \$500 be recommended by the Executive Committee for purchase by the Commissioners.

Items 121.2 and 126.2 Salary and expenses for an assistant county attorney will be brought up for action by the whole county convention.

The matter of salaries for elected officials has to come up before the primaries.

Item 133 The Commissioner will check the actual dollars spent for postage for last year.

Item 137 The increase in liability insurance is to cover mistakes.

Item 149 is for 5 and 6 drawer files.

Item 159 is for a new car for the Sheriff's Department.

Item 192 is the increase in cost of 10,000 gallons of fuel.

Item 188.1 Minimal necessary repairs.

Item 232.1 is an emergency item.

Items 235.1 and 235.2 Old age and alien assistance have been combined into one item.

Under item 411 the motion was made, seconded and passed the Superintendents salary be set at \$13,500.00.

Item 421 The new state billing system takes more time so it costs more money.

Items 428 and 429 reduced to \$200 and \$400. We would like a breakdown of these items into how much for dues, magazines, travel, etc.

Item 521 increase is for food service supervision and assistant dietitian.

Motion made, seconded and passed that not more than \$1800 be authorized from unexpended funds to pay the increase on the temporary loans.

The city is interested in exchanging a Maple Ave. site for the Armory site. The administration building to remain here to be stipulated in the deed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

Report on Public Hearing on Cheshire County Budget for 1974 as proposed:

As advertised, on March 9, Saturday, 10:30 A.M. in Cheshire County Court House.

Hearing opened by Convention Chairman Janet Dunham. Commissioners present or appearing, Savage, Barrett and Lewis.

Executive Committee Chairman Raymond called for questions by any members of the public present.

There were three citizens, not members of Convention present.

There being no response or questions, Rep. Scranton moved for adjournment seconded by Rep. Savage.

Hearing closed and adjourned by Executive Committee Chairman and Acting Convention Chairman Raymond at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER W. RAYMOND,

Clerk Protem

MARCH 29, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in room 114 in the State House in Concord by Chairman Dunham. The following members were present: Edward Johnson, Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, McGinnes, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Streeter, Cooke, Close and Scranton.

The Commissioners have requested a meeting to consider the city's proposal.

The Clerk read a letter from Willard B. Saperson, Pres. Timberview Realty Inc. suggesting a condominium type, multi storied, building to house the Court, office space, and resident apartments.

Bond counsel has informed the Chairman that a two thirds vote will be necessary to make any change in the present set up.

Mr. Savage informed us the architect's plans for the Court House are completed and ready for bids. The revised costs indicate an increase of \$202,000 for construction. Further delay will result in increased costs. The delay so far in building the Court House is the responsibility of the City and the amount from the City should be \$250,000 to cover the increased costs to the County. The present plans with minor changes could be used on other property.

Mr. Raymond will get his figures on the Court House and send them to the delegates.

Bond Counsel must have assurance that the increased costs will be taken care of. The notes due in April have had to be renewed until July 15, 1974.

The nursing home is under study to determine the number of beds. We have \$214,000 in revenue sharing funds and have spent \$54,000 to pay salaries of Mutual aid.

Copies of the minutes are on file in the Secretary of States office and in the Commissioners office.

Motion made and seconded we send copies of the minutes to the delegates. Motion lost. 7 in favor, 8 opposed.

A special meeting of the County Convention, called by the Commissioners for April 11, with the City proposals included on the Agenda and a vote taken on these proposals.

Motion made, seconded and passed the meeting be held on April 10th with the Chairman to set the place.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

APRIL 10, 1974

After a welcome with coffee and warm pastry the meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 10:10 a.m. at the County home. The following were present: Edward Johnson, Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Streeter, Close, Drew, Scranton, and Commissioners Lewis and Barrett.

The Clerk read the letter from the Commissioners requesting this meeting be called to consider proposals submitted to the Commissioners by the City of Keene and to consider current costs estimates submitted by the architect.

Chairman Dunham said that according to Bond counsel a 2/3 vote is necessary to rescind action taken at a previous meeting by a 2/3 vote. She suggested we take fifteen minutes on each item on the agenda. After discussion it was agreed that we would stay as long as need be, as the meeting can be recessed to a date certain if we find it necessary.

Mr. Milbank urged the delegation to take a positive approach to the situation. To listen to the City of Keene's ideas and to say O.K. if we can solve all the problems.

Commissioner Louis said the City offered 5 or 6 acres at Maple Ave. plus \$100,000. The City Council approved this by a 10 to 3 vote. It makes no difference where you build if you build a new building but he favors Maple Ave. over Fuller Park. The restriction on the Maple Ave. lot started as a lifetime one but was reduced to ten years.

Mr. Raymond spoke strongly in favor of the Maple Ave. site. He said the tax payers of the City of Keene would be better off. There is room for expansion, level ground, traffic advantages, the building can be so located there will be ample parking space. There is no right of way through the property. The restriction of keeping the County administrative functions downtown for 25 or 30 years, in the present Court House, is equaled by a restriction on the use of Fuller Park on the City's part. The City did withdraw its Maple Ave. offer. It will take a 2/3 vote to change the site. Fuller Park was thought to be a little over 7 acres but now think it is 5.2 acres. The amount of the bond issue for renovating the Court House was not specified. Fuller Park was assessed in 1971 for \$215,000. \$101,000 was assessed for the land. The Maple Ave. land is assessed for about \$60,000 to \$80,000.

We do not know what offer was made to the City for the Masonic Hall. There are no figures on that. The appraised value is \$187,900.

If we get busy the delay will not be over 90 days and costs would not increase that much.

Mr. Stevens moved and it was seconded that the Chairman of the delegation be authorized to appoint three members of the delegation to acquire the necessary facts and figures regarding the proposed Maple Ave. site and to meet with the City of Keene to arrange an agreement and to report back to the Chairman of the delegation not later than Tuesday, April 16, 1974.

It was agreed the motion would be laid on the table until the question of the Masonic Hall was taken care of.

Motion made, seconded and passed we take up the Masonic Hall question.

The Clerk read the comments and motion made by Commissioner Lewis which follows: "Since it would appear from the lack of recorded evidence in the minutes of meetings held by the County Commissioners that no formal vote has ever been taken by the County Commissioners with regard to the choice of a site for the building of a Court facility, and since it is the duty of the Commissioners to choose such site or recommend an alternate plan, I move to accept the offer from the City of Keene to exchange the Masonic Hall and additional land for 60-80 parking spaces be accepted in exchange for the County-owned land and building at Fuller Park on Washington Street; that the Masonic Hall be remodeled for use as the Administrative Offices, for the Registry of Deeds, Probate Department, Sheriff Department and County Commissioners and other functions now connected with or anticipated for future use by the County at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 and the present Court House be remodeled to suit the needs of the Superior Court at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.

The intent of this motion is to provide additional space to the County of Cheshire for expansion in an orderly manner within the confines of the taxpayers' willingness and ability to absorb such costs. This plan should result in a savings to Cheshire County Taxpayers of between \$800,000 and \$950,000 over construction of a new building to house the Superior Court facility and the remodeling of the present Court House as well as providing a satisfactory and logical solution to a problem of long standing."

Mr. Louis said he could not find in the minutes of the Commissioners meetings where any vote had been taken on the Court House site.

Chairman Dunham showed him the printed copy of the notes of the commissioners meetings where the vote had in fact been taken on the Court House site.

Mr. Louis said all the land is for sale that is needed. The building lends itself to remodeling. Figures are based on a "not to exceed" basis.

Motion made and seconded the matter of the Masonic Hall be laid on the table. 6 being in favor and 14 opposed the motion lost.

Ayes

Edward Johnson, Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Turner, Saunders, Close

Nays

Ladd, Whipple, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Gordon, Forcier, Yardley, Milbank, Raymond, Ames, Streeter, Drew, Scranton

Motion made and seconded we indefinitely postpone action on the Masonic property. Motion passed, 16 in favor and 4 opposed.

Ayes

Edward Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Streeter, Drew, Scranton

Nays

Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Turner, Close

Motion made and seconded we table Mr. Stevens motion. 5 having voted Aye and 15 having voted Nay the motion lost.

Ayes

Whipple, Forcier, Yardley, Turner, Ames

Nays

Edward Johnson, Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Gordon, Milbank, Raymond, Saunders, Streeter, Close, Drew, Scranton

Mr. Stevens motion was taken off the table and passed.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 12:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. after recess the motion was made, seconded and passed that further discussion of cost estimates be laid on the table.

The matter of raising the salaries of the sheriff and the deputies was discussed. We need to know the actual amounts they get in total including fees. Salaries of elected officials have to be set before the primaries. Mr. Savage suggests the Chairman appoint a committee to investigate salaries.

The Chairman appointed Raymond, Whipple and Streeter to work with the City and report back by April 16th.

The Chairman declared the meeting recessed to a date certain.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

APRIL 17, 1974

Recessed meeting from April 10, 1974

Chairman Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Edward Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Streeter, Cooke, Close, Nims, Drew, and Scranton.

The report of the Special Committee to meet with the City was read and is on file as a part of these minutes.

The Clerk read the Resolution passed April 15, 1974 by the City Council of the City of Keene. The Resolution is on file and is a part of these minutes.

After much discussion about the two reports Mr. Ames moved we desist from further debating a Court House site and we reaffirm our previous vote to build a Court House on Fuller Park. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion made and seconded the report of the Special Committee be accepted and be a part of the minutes of this meeting along with the Resolution of the City of Keene. Motion passed 19 Ayes 1 Nay.

Ayes

Edward Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Streeter, Cooke, Nims, Drew, Scranton

Nays

Close

Motion made, seconded and passed that the Chairman call the Executive Committee to work with the commissioners, to set up a written contract with the City for the continued use of the recreation building at Fuller Park, for a period of time to be negotiated. Any recommendations of the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the full convention.

Motion made that the county should be held not liable in injury or accident during construction. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made and seconded the Chairman and Executive Committee be directed to take any action advisable to move the Court House project out to bid and completion. Motion passed 17 Ayes and 4 Nays.

Ayes

Edward Johnson, Ladd, Whipple, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Streeter, Cooke, Nims, Drew

Nays
Elmer Johnson, Yardley, Close, Scranton
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MAY 1, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 7:40 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. Those present were Edward Johnson, Stevens, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Cooke, Close, Nims, Drew, Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, Mr. Callahan, media and guests.

The Chairman announced she had appointed Daley Whipple to serve on the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob Hackler. The Executive Committee has been added to act as an expanded building committee.

Mr. Raymond gave a Summary Court House Report as follows:

Architect Estimated Current		
Construction Cost		\$1,076,773.00
Arch. & End. Fees	\$86,000	
Contingency	30,000	
Demolition	20,000	
Clerk of Works	15,000	
Furnish & Pave	100,000	
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	\$251,000	251,000.00
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		\$1,327,773.00

NOTE: This includes estimated \$130,000 due to delay, plus furnish and pave, plus added 1900 net square feet of floor space over original estimate.

Original Bond Issue for Court House and remodel administration		\$1,494,900.00
Less new building		<hr/>
		1,327,773.00
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		\$167,127.00
Plus 1973 Rev. Funds	\$124,346	
Interest	10,000	
1974 Entitlement Funds	114,248	
Capital Reserve Fund	30,000	
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	\$278,594	

Less budgeted 1974		
Mut. Aid Salaries	51,165	
	<u>\$227,429</u>	227,429.00

Remains for remodeling		
Administration		\$394,556.00
(Original Estimate \$401,544.00)		

Motion made, seconded and passed the 1974 Revenue Sharing Fund be added to the Court House Building Funds as needed. Any balance remaining be added to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Raymond said that due to the extreme increases in the cost of black topping it may be necessary to get along with packed gravel parking areas.

Motion made, seconded and passed the report of the Building Committee be accepted. Mr. Close is recorded as voting against this motion.

Mr. Raymond reported the cost of the Jail was higher than it should have been because of delays by the architect. The increase in the Sewer cost is due to regulation changes. The full report follows:

JAIL

Architect Estimated Construction Cost		\$700,000.00
Fees	\$57,375	
Clerk of Works	15,000	
Contingency	20,000	
	<u>\$92,375</u>	92,375.00
		<u>\$792,375.00</u>

Sewer System

Original Est.	\$225,000	
Contract (due to Reg. changes)	298,800	
Federal Share	<u>— 203,600</u>	
To be Bonded	\$95,200	
		Bond \$95,200.00
Minus State Share		
as Bonds are due	<u>54,300</u>	
Net End Cost to County	\$40,900	
		<u>\$887,575.00</u>
Original Bond Authorized included some		
remodeling in Maplewood		\$750,000.00
		<u>\$137,575.00</u>

NEED

Recommend increasing authorization by \$200,000.00. This will provide a cushion; could, if final costs permit, do minor improvements pending new home. Bid figures MAY NOT need this amount, if bids come in within a short time.

Motion made, seconded and passed the Convention instruct the Chairman to Schedule the required public hearing in order to further consider increasing the Jail-Sewer-Maplewood Bond issue by \$200,000.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed the report of the committee on the Jail-Sewer-Maplewood project be accepted.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the proposed budgeted amount under Surplus of \$70,000.00 be changed to \$50,000.00.

We had considerable discussion on the spending of \$400.00 dues to join a N. H. County Organization. We found the bill had already been paid for 1974.

Motion made, seconded and passed we vote on each amendment proposed by the Executive Committee and then the budget as a whole.

Motion made, seconded and passed we leave Item 102 as it is at \$3200.00. Mr. Close voted against this motion.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 104 be increased \$500.00 to a total of \$600.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 106 be decreased by \$200.00 to a total of \$1800.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 107.1 be increased \$600.00 to a total of \$4200.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 117.1 be increased by \$1450.00 to a total of \$5450.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 118 be increased by \$10,000.00 to cover extraordinary expenses, to be expended with Convention approval only, to a total of \$11,000.00. Close, Milbank, and Nims are recorded as voting against this motion.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 122 be decreased by \$21.00 to a total of \$300.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$77,050.00 be appropriated for Administrative Expenses. Mr. Close abstained from vote.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$24,247.00 be appropriated for County Attorney.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$52,450.00 be appropriated for Register of Deeds.

Motion made, Seconded and passed Item 195 be increased \$425.00 to a total of \$500.00. This increase necessary to take down trees.

Motion made, seconded and passed that \$4,487.00 be appropriated for Register of Probate.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$35,965.00 be appropriated for Sheriffs Department.

Motion made, seconded and passed we appropriate \$5,050.00 for Medical Referee.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$17,630 be appropriated for Maintenance of Court House.

Motion made, seconded and passed we increase the per diem from \$22.00 to \$27.00 in criminal investigation effective June 1st, 1974, for balance of the year.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 202.5 be increased \$1400.00 to a total of \$6900.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$103,100.00 be appropriated for Superior Court.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$233,255.00 be appropriated for Public Welfare.

Motion made, seconded and passed we appropriate \$174,722.00 for Other expense.

Motion made, seconded and passed we leave Item 411, salary for Superintendent at \$14,500.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed Item 429 remain at the proposed \$600.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed that as set forth in RSA:14, that the County Commissioners be required to obtain written authority from the Executive Committee before transferring any appropriation or part thereof, and that the Convention Clerk so inform each commissioner and each auditor by registered or certified letter, return receipt requested, of this action as of this date.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$50,064.00 be appropriated for Maplewood Administrative Expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$91,700.00 be appropriated for Plant Operations at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$67,400.00 be appropriated for Dietary expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$12,400.00 be appropriated for Laundry and Linen.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$17,100.00 be appropriated for Housekeeping.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$185,771.00 be appropriated for Nursing.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$26,140.00 be appropriated for Special Services.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$42,714.00 be appropriated for the Jail.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$87,875.00 be appropriated for Farm expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed \$4400.00 be added to Item 251.

Motion made, seconded and passed the total for Other expenses be increased by \$4400.00 to a total of \$179,122.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed we authorize the withdrawal from Equipment Fund \$800.00 to be used to purchase one potato digger and one potato planter.

Motion made, seconded and passed we appropriate a total budget of \$1,313,520.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed the salary of the County Attorney be increased to \$13,000.00 per year effective January 1, 1975.

Motion made, seconded and passed the salary of the Sheriff be increased to \$12,000.00 per year effective January 1, 1975.

Motion made, seconded and passed the salary of the Register of Deeds be increased to \$11,000.00 per year effective January 1, 1975.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their cooperation and help. She does not plan to run again.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 7, 1974

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. Those present were Raymond, Dunham, Whipple, Forcier, Gordon, Heald, and County Attorney Brian.

After ascertaining that all the correct legal procedures had been taken care of the County Attorney gave us his opinion of the next steps to be taken.

The motion was made, seconded and passed that the County Attorney is requested to implement proceedings to obtain a decision relative to the construction of the Court House and procedure for implementing the construction and financing.

Motion made, seconded and passed the County Attorney be authorized to expend the necessary funds, not to exceed \$5000.00, subject to the approval of the Convention.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 16, 1974

Hearing held at Court House, 7:30 p.m. after some delay due to Court House being locked. Hearing was opened by Chairman Janet Dunham. Rep. Raymond, acting clerk. Also present Rep's Heald, Turner and Scranton. Keene City Council, R. Gray, Taxpayer spokesman, Mr. Waterman, also present was Mr. Eldredge, arch. The Mayor asked if Court House was to be discussed in regards to additional funding. He was advised it was not so advertised and was further advised that no meeting was at present scheduled for such a purpose, as it appeared funding was adequate (by Mr. Raymond).

The Clerk read the meeting summons as published. The Chair asked those in favor or opposed to step forward and speak — none appearing on either point the hearing was then adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SUMNER W. RAYMOND,

Acting Clerk

JAIL

Architect Estimated Construction Cost		\$700,000.00
Fees	\$57,375	
Clerk of Works	15,000	
Contingency	20,000	
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	\$92,375	+ \$92,375.00
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		\$792,375.00
Sewer System		
Original Est.	\$225,000	
Contract (due to Reg. Charges)	298,800	
Federal Share	— 203,600	
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To be Bonded	\$95,200	
		Bond \$95,200.00

Minus State Share as Bonds are Due	\$54,300	
Net End Cost to County	\$40,900	
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		\$887,575.00
Original Bond Authorized included some remodeling in Maplewood		\$750,000.00
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NEED		\$137,575.00

Recommend increasing authorization by \$200,000. This will provide a cushion; could, if final costs permit, do minor improvements pending new home.

Bid figures **MAY NOT** need this amount, if bids come in within a short time.

MAY 21, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. in the Court House in Keene by Chairman Dunham. Those present were Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, Savage, Gordon, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Heald, Streeter, Cooke, Drew, Scranton, and Commissioners Savage and Louis, representatives from the construction company and the architect, and members of the media.

Motion made and seconded that present bonding authorized for jail construction, water system and some remodeling in Westmoreland be increased by \$200,000.00 subject to the following condition — that any expenditures over the \$137,575.00 shown on attached summary sheet shall be recommended in writing by the Commissioners and approved by the Executive Committee before commitment or payment. Motion passed 13 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Ayes

Ladd, Whipple, Marshala, Savage, Gordon, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Heald, Streeter, Cooke, Drew

Nays

Scranton

Motion made, seconded and passed the County Attorney be authorized to commit up to \$5000.00, if needed, in his judgment, for legal assistance on behalf of the County Convention, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 31, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 10 a.m. in the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Scranton, Raymond, Heald, Whipple, Forcier, Gordon, Dunham, Commissioners Savage, Barrett, members of the construction and architect firms.

The plans and construction of the new jail were discussed. Venetian blinds are eliminated. Seven sky lights are eliminated and four are retained. Wire mesh will cover those over the stair well. There is no firm price on the elevator. The sally port is eliminated.

We agree with the recommendations of the commissioners, the architect and the construction people on the plans as presented.

Copies of the plans were signed by the two commissioners, convention chairman, executive committee chairman, contractor and architect.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 25, 1974

The meeting was called to order in the Court House in Keene at 8 p.m. by the Delegation Chairman Dunham. The following were present: Dunham, Raymond, Forcier, Gordon, Scranton, Edward Johnson, and Heald.

Chairman Dunham said it appeared that nothing had been done on the Court House situation. She turned the meeting over to the Executive Board Chairman Raymond.

It is unclear if the Commissioners must put the Court House out to bid. A judge could appoint people to act in lieu of the Commissioners. The cost of building is increasing at the rate of \$2000.00 a week. The Executive Committee is very disturbed at the lack of action by the County Attorney.

The suggestion was made and discussed that a letter might be sent to all selectmen asking what they would like the County Government to do for them.

Mr. Waterman has been appointed Clerk of the Works for the jail construction by the Commissioners. The question was asked if he was bonded.

Motion made, seconded and passed the rate by established at \$5.00 per meeting for the next biennium.

The possibility of a standardized bookkeeping procedure through centralized data processing was discussed.

It was agreed to request the Commissioners be present at the County delegation meeting to bring us up to date on what is going on.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

JUNE 27, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 8 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. Those present were Dunham, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Turner, Raymond, Ames, Heald and Drew.

There was not a quorum present.

The Petition for Declaratory Judgement Cheshire County Delegation vs Cheshire County Commissioners was informally discussed.

Meeting was recessed to a date certain.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

RECESSED MEETING OF JUNE 27, 1974

JULY 16, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 7:30 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Edward Johnson, Stevens, Ladd, Whipple, Dunham, Marshala, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Turner, Helie, Raymond, Heald, Streeter, Nims, Drew, Commissioners Savage, Louis, Southwest Manpower Committee members Wallace, Leahy, Cross, and Huntley.

The motion was made and seconded that the Delegation authorize the Commissioners to apply for, accept, and expend those Federal funds, allocated to Cheshire County specifically for the Manpower Program (Title I), not to exceed \$310,000.00 of which it is understood approximately 20% or \$60,000.00 may be allocated as costs of administration. This motion passed after a complete explanation was given to the Convention. Sheets detailing use of the funds are attached and part of these minutes.

Motion made, seconded and passed the delegation authorize the Commissioners to borrow an amount of \$200,000.00 in anticipation of taxes in addition to the amount of \$450,000.00 voted at the January ninth meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed the per diem for meetings be set at \$5.00 and the mileage be set at 12 cents a mile the same as for State employees.

Motion made and seconded and passed that the County appropriate from unencumbered funds \$1853.00 providing the City contribute \$4958.00 for the continuation of the services of two probation officers.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

INFORMAL MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JULY 15, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond, in the Old Keene Clinic Building on Main Street in Keene. Those present were Raymond, Forcier, Gordon, Edward Johnson, Dunham, Commissioners Louis, Barrett, Manpower Advisory Committee members Wallace, Huntley, Cross, Leahy and Bertillin.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond to see that the funds for CEPA manpower training are being properly spent. This is the duty of the Cheshire County Convention. The spending of the funds is the duty of the County Commissioners. No matching funds are required. There is \$150,000.00 in E.E.A. (Emergency Employment Act) funds.

Mr. Wallace explained that the Southwest Planning Unit would handle funds for Sullivan and Cheshire Counties. State recommendations are made in broad categories to County Commissioners then to State Manpower Commission for approval.

Itemized breakdown sheets were submitted and an explanation given in each category.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

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Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOV. 14, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 7 p.m. in the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Raymond, Heald, Forcier, Dunham, Whipple, Gordon, all three commissioners, and Mr. Waterman.

Motion made, seconded and passed that all department heads are to be commended for their cooperation budgetwise.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the commissioners apply for the manpower funds to which we are entitled.

Increases in items 107 and 116 are due to Federal increases.

Increases in item 134 is due to an 18% increase in paper costs and plan books.

After reading a letter from the County Attorney (which is on file and part of these minutes) the motion was made, sec-

onded and passed the county reimburse Mrs. Houle for the \$500.00 she paid from her own funds on the deductible amount on the insurance.

Increase in item 144 is due to a change in forms.

Items 148 and 149 are final figures.

Item 202.4 we can't control because it is a court figure.

Increase in item 232 is for direct aid.

Increase in item 253 is due to the judge sending to Manchester where it costs more rather than our house of correction.

Item 427 — price of gas is up.

Item 429 is for workshops where attendance is required by law.

Item 513 — bottled gas has increased in price and we have added two tanks at the sewage plant.

Motion made, seconded and passed we accept the budget report.

Meeting adjourned to a date certain.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,

Clerk

Recessed meeting of the Executive Committee

Re-convened on December 18, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 7:00 p.m. in the Court House, Keene, N. H.

The following were present:

S. Raymond

D. Whipple

H. Forcier

C. Heald

A. Scranton

H. Savage

Sentinel Reporter — Kip Weeks

After reviewing totals of the various line items of the County budget as projected by the Commissioners, the following motion was made by H. Forcier, seconded by A. Scranton, and passed by unanimous vote:

Move to apply unexpended amounts of line items against overdrafts and draw an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from surplus funds to meet obligations exceeding the budget which are verified by the accountants after all revenue is applied.

None of this amount to be applied or used for any purpose or program not budgeted in this calendar year.

It was moved by C. Heald, seconded by A. Scranton, that Chairman Raymond be commended for his tireless effort and dedicated service to the County as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Voted to adjourn by D. Whipple, seconded by H. Forcier.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER RAYMOND,

Secretary Pro-Tem

REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners present their annual report for the year 1974.

The year 1974 was a year of progress in some areas and disappointment in others.

Early in the year C. E. Maguire Co. was hired to make a preliminary site review of County owned land in Westmoreland to determine the feasibility of using it for the site of a proposed new nursing home. In conjunction with this survey Monadnock Health & Welfare Council through the energies of John Wallace initiated a study of the potential need for a new nursing home. Both reports are due to be completed at year's end, so that definite decisions may be reached early in 1975.

Bids were put out for the new jail and house of correction. Unfortunately all returned high and a negotiated contract was worked out with the low bidder, M. W. Goodell Construction, Inc. of Keene. Work has progressed very well with Supt. Waterman serving as Clerk of the Works, and points to a July 1975 completion date.

The Court House controversy continued. The Commissioners held several meetings with city officials, trying to work out a suitable land swap. However, these negotiations broke down and resulted in the County Delegation and Commissioner Savage taking court action against Commissioners Barrett and Louis. This action is still tied up in Supreme Court. It is in-

teresting to note that in the fall elections the voters replaced all Court House supporters that they could by voting for other candidates. The Cheshire County Bar Association reaffirmed their support for keeping the Court House downtown.

The Southwest Area Manpower Corporation was formed to dispense Federal Manpower Funds. This was accomplished through great effort on the part of Commissioner Louis. It has been working very well under the the capable directorship of David Osgood.

Our very successful Surplus Food Program was terminated because of federal action and replaced with the Food Stamp Program. The Commissioners commended the Surplus Food staff for an excellent job, yet recognize the benefits of the Food Stamp Program.

The welfare budget was of continuing concern to the Commissioners as the economic situation worsened. Through Manpower Funds, we were able to hire an assistant welfare director which has enabled us to provide more investigation into each client's needs and qualifications. We certainly hope the economy straightens out to relieve this burden to some extent.

The Commissioners also participated in meetings of a joint City-School-County Computer Facilities Committee with the hope of computerizing the accounting of county business. A final recommendation will be made sometime in 1975.

Bonds of \$880,000 were issued during the year to pay for the construction of the new jail-house of correction and the sewage treatment plant at Maplewood in Westmoreland. The Commissioners were disturbed because a large amount of Revenue Sharing Funds that could have been used to lower the amount needed for the projects had been tied up by vote of the County Delegation for use in the proposed Court House project.

Our thanks to the many interested persons and groups for their thoughtful recognition of our senior citizens at Maplewood Home and their gifts and deeds which contributed so much to the happiness and comfort of our elders.

Certainly, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of all county officials and employees.

Respectfully,

HAROLD E. SAVAGE

DAVID A. BARRETT

RICHARD W. LOUIS

JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY
Accountants and Auditors

January 30, 1975
Board of County Commissioners
Cheshire County
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Cheshire County as at December 31, 1974, and the related Statements of Revenue and Expenses of the County and other County Activities for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In accordance with the accounting practices followed by municipalities, the accounts are kept on a modified accrual basis under which the more important revenue and expenses are accrued, except interest on outstanding indebtedness, which is paid together with matured indebtedness from appropriations of the following year. Expenditures for property, plant and equipment are expensed in the year of purchase.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statements of Revenue and Expenses of the County and other County Activities present fairly the financial position of Cheshire County as at December 31, 1974, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for municipalities applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. CONNORS, C.P.A.
JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1974

Assets

Cash		
Commissioners' Office Checking Account	\$17,045	
Superior Court Checking Account	669	
Maplewood Checking Account	162	
Register of Deeds Petty Cash	50	
Maplewood Petty Cash	200	
Cash — Savings Account	5	
Total Cash		\$18,131
Capital Reserve Funds — Cash and Treasury Bills		
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$14,456	
Capital Reserve Fund	30,921	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		45,377
Certificates of Deposit — Ashuelot National Bank		460,000
Accounts Due the County		
Register of Deeds	\$6,531	
Fire Mutual Aid	6,108	
Other	2,184	
Patients —County Farm	30,092	
Total Receivables		44,915
Amount to be Raised in the Future for Retirement of Building Bonds		15,000
Due from Proceeds of Bonds Not Yet Issued		519,894
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds		232,633
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,335,950

Liabilities and Surplus

Accounts Payable:		
Commissioners' Office	\$51,954	
Maplewood Farm	15,630	
Total Accounts Payable		\$67,584

Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	40,000
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Accrued Liabilities:

Payroll Taxes	\$20,438
Payroll Deductions	1,493
Patient Deductions	1,060

Total Accrued Liabilities	22,991
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Building Bonds Payable	15,000
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Bonds Payable — Public Improvement	880,000
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Unexpended Balance of Capital	
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Reserve Funds	45,377
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Unexpended Balance of Federal	
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Revenue Sharing Funds	232,633
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Surplus:

Commissioners' Office

Balance January 1, 1974	\$88,541
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Less: Amount Used to Reduce Tax Assessment From Cities and Towns	50,000
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\$38,541

Prior Year's Adjustment	528
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Bond Issue Costs	(6,200)
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1974 Revenue	
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— Exhibit B	\$757,589
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1974 Expenses	
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— Exhibit C	757,156
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Excess of Revenue	
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Over Expenses	433
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Balance, December 31, 1974	33,302
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Home, Jail and Farm

Balance January 1, 1974	11,981
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Less: Amount Used to Reduce Tax Assessment From Cities and Towns	10,000
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1,981

1974 Revenue	
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— Exhibit B	\$578,354
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1974 Expenses	
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— Exhibit C	581,272
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Excess of Expenses	
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Over Revenue	(2,918)
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Balance (Deficit) December
31, 1974

(937)

Total Surplus December 31, 1974 32,365

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$1,335,950

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Taxes — Cities and Towns	\$744,125
Income — Home and Hospital — Exhibit B	304,392
Farm Income — Exhibit D	90,242
Reimbursement for Aid:	
Board and Care of Children	2,960
Old Age Assistance and Direct Aid	1,286
Dependent Soldiers	20
Sheriff's Department:	
Gas Tax Refund	401
Register of Deeds	66,847
Miscellaneous	396
Surplus	60,000
Fire Mutual Aid	11,108
Federal Revenue Sharing	54,165
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,335,942

Payments

Commissioners' Office:	
Administrative	\$64,411
County Attorney	20,368
Register of Deeds	49,372
Register of Probate	4,397
Sheriff	36,115
Medical Referee	6,516
Maintenance of Court House	16,632
Superior Court	101,997
Public Welfare:	
Salaries	8,310
Surplus Foods	6,783
Direct Aid	60,744
Soldiers' Aid	12,531
Surplus Foods Purchased	1,971
Old Age Assistance	61,447
Aid to Disabled	10,599
Board and Care of Children	88,888
Other:	
County Extension Service	43,683
Interest — Temporary Loans	16,272

Interest — Bonds	690
Principal — Bonds	15,000
Fire Mutual Aid	67,079
Armory	606
Board and Care of Prisoners	16,111
Cheshire Hospital	4,400
New Hope Center	11,500
Equipment Replacement Reserve	6,000
Soil Conservation	2,600
Telephone — Radio Communication	7,093
Microfilm — Registers of Deeds and Probate	904
Probation Services	2,928
Monadnock Health and Welfare	4,000
Preliminary Planning Study of Nursing Home	6,709
Reimbursement — Register of Deeds	500
Home, Hospital and Farm	581,272
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,338,428

SUPERIOR COURT

Salaries	\$19,112
Jury Payrolls	20,684
State vs. Payrolls	33,005
Masters' Fees	2,028
Court Stenographer's Fees	16,386
Sheriff's and Deputies' Fees for Attendance in Court	6,411
Communications and Postage	970
Supplies	422
Printing, Binding and Books	1,792
Travel	505
Insurance	300
Equipment Repairs	132
New Equipment	250
Totals	\$101,997

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:

Land and Buildings:

(a) Court House	\$300,000 00
(b) County Farm buildings and land	850,000 00
(c) Wood lot	300 00
(d) Armory, Washington Street	110,000 00

\$1,260,300 00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Direct Welfare

Keene	\$37,810 77
Alstead	1,124 56
Chesterfield	1,694 63
Fitzwilliam	265 96
Hinsdale	777 29
Jaffrey	1,869 65
Marlborough	1,909 79
Richmond	15 00
Rindge	200 00
Stoddard	105 00
Sullivan	1,212 21
Surry	190 00
Swanzey	4,567 05
Troy	1,375 46
Walpole	1,200 81
Westmoreland	296 25
Winchester	5,739 32
	<hr/> \$60,353 75

Aid to Dependent Soldiers

Keene	\$9,027 08
Alstead	473 84
Chesterfield	492 13
Fitzwilliam	75 00
Gilsum	20 00
Harrisville	55 00
Hinsdale	287 93
Jaffrey	175 16
Marlborough	67 64
Marlow	59 56
Rindge	243 75
Roxbury	299 22
Stoddard	14 88
Swanzey	335 68
Troy	422 22
Walpole	105 00
Westmoreland	49 53
Winchester	327 74
	<hr/> \$12,531 36

RELIEF TO COUNTY CHARGES

1974	Direct Relief	Dependent Soldiers	Brd. & Care of Children
January	\$4,316 11	\$737 56	\$7,086 54
February	3,970 38	786 92	7,002 36
March	4,416 09	436 24	7,754 55
April	4,732 71	976 08	7,619 37
May	2,103 02	341 25	7,995 81
June	3,582 21	822 75	7,275 36
July	6,529 51	1,709 64	7,419 06
August	6,035 17	1,789 06	7,459 78
September	5,847 66	1,371 71	7,058 62
October	5,480 73	1,513 81	7,382 12
November	6,621 73	2,148 86	6,545 54
December	10,031 06	3,819 24	8,104 05
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	\$63,666 38	\$16,453 12	\$88,703 16

REPORT OF THE FRED D. HEMENWAY TRUST FUND**Income:**

March 29, 1974	\$4,687 94	
Jan. 1, 1974 Balance in		
Cheshire Co. Savings Bank	1 00	
Interest from Cheshire Co.		
Savings Bank	78 31	
	<hr/>	\$4,767 25

Expenditures:

Case 1	\$300 00	
2	125 00	
3	65 00	
4	32 00	
5	2,069 54	
6	38 00	
7	253 00	
8	105 00	
9	422 46	
10	112 46	
11	118 99	
12	373 87	
13	454 70	
14	60 00	
15	54 00	
16	160 00	
17	22 23	
	<hr/>	4,766 25

Balance in Cheshire Co. Savings Bank	\$1 00
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REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1974.

RECEIPTS

	Amount of Tax
Alstead	\$13,848 17
Chesterfield	29,928 71
Dublin	21,371 27
Fitzwilliam	22,725 58
Gilsum	5,387 46
Harrisville	13,877 93
Hinsdale	36,938 36
Jaffrey	59,649 06
Keene	282,827 03
Marlborough	16,631 19
Marlow	6,786 42
Nelson	8,319 32
Richmond	5,618 14
Rindge	36,075 18
Roxbury	2,068 67
Stoddard	19,920 23
Sullivan	3,542 03
Surry	6,198 56
Swanzy	43,553 64
Troy	21,334 07
Walpole	44,796 33
Westmoreland	11,504 17
Winchester	31,223 48
Taxes	<hr/> \$744,125 00
Income — Home and Hospital	304,392 00
Farm Income	90,242 00
Reimbursement for Aid	4,266 00
Sheriff's Department Gas Tax Refund	401 00
Register of Deeds	66,847 00
Miscellaneous	396 00
Surplus	60,000 00
Fire Mutual Aid	11,108 00
Federal Revenue Sharing	54,165 00
TOTAL REVENUE	<hr/> \$1,335,942 00

REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance, January 1, 1974	\$29,083	
Interest on invested funds	1,838	
Balance on hand		\$30,921
Respectfully submitted,		
PHILIP C. DYER,		
Treasurer		

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974
Cheshire County

COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1974	\$14,032 12	
Receipts — Year Ending December 31, 1974	2,758,457 55	
	\$2,772,489 67	
Payments — Year Ending December 31, 1974	2,759,609 18	
Balance — December 31, 1974 — As Per Cash Book		\$12,880 49
Balance in Ashuelot National Bank as Per Statement of Dec. 31, 1974	\$23,322 31	
Less: Outstanding Orders	10,441 82	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of December 31, 1974		\$12,880 49

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending December 31, 1974	\$405,280 29	
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending December 31, 1974	\$405,280 29	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1974	\$200 00	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1974	\$200 00	

INDEBTEDNESS — DECEMBER 31, 1974

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	\$40,000 00
Outstanding Long Term Notes	None
Outstanding Bonds	\$15,000 00
Bills Owed by County	\$84,458 74

COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED — DECEMBER 31, 1974

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None
Signed,	

M. B. MOYNIHAN,
DORIS W. MORGAN,

County Auditors

Date, Feb. 26, 1975

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1974	\$124,346
Revenue Received During 1974 — Entitlements:	
Fourth Quarter 1973	\$28,562
First Quarter 1974	28,562
Second Quarter 1974	28,563
Third Quarter 1974	29,582
Fourth Quarter 1974	29,582
Total Entitlements	\$144,851
Interest Earned	17,601
Total Revenue Received	162,452
Total Available	\$286,798
Expenditures:	
Public Safety — Fire Mutual Aid Wages	\$54,125
Cash Balance, December 31, 1974	\$232,673
Less: Amount Encumbered for New Court House	232,673
Unencumbered Balance December 31, 1974	None

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1974	\$8,412
Appropriation from General Fund	6,000
Interest on invested funds	844
Total Additions and Balance	\$15,256
Deductions From Reserve:	
Equipment — New Potato Digger	800
Balance	\$14,456

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners :

February 1, 1974 Comex-Benner Electronics of Manchester spent their last day in our Dispatch Center and completed a move of the Radio Console which had kept us in a turmoil for many months. This was the first time the console had been changed since its installation in 1961 and was badly needed as we had really outgrown our original facility. Comex provided us with Mr. Benner himself to do the move, and he spent 111.75 hours doing the work while logging 1,124 miles in travel. The entire cost including wire and relays came to \$1,874.31.

The console now consists of 6-19" and 1-24" sloped front panels and 4-19" upright Granite-State Panels plus two corner frames and the shape is now semi-horseshoe. It contains Radio units for Communications on separate Channels with All Fire Apparatus in the System (62 Fire Stations and Apparatus), the Sheriff's Department, all local police cars in Cheshire County, State Police, Concord headquarters and area cruisers, Fish & Game cars, all ambulances, Cheshire Hospital, Keene State College Security Police, Public Service Company's trucks and many fire and police departments in our adjoining states who work closely with us.

In order to cover our Fire Mutual Aid Radio area it is necessary, in addition to our station on Hyland Hill, to also operate a Radio Repeater Station. This station is located at Crotched Mountain Hospital in Greenfield, N. H. which, because of its geographical location, is an excellent location. The hospital added radio repair and operation to its rehabilitation program during the summer. Our radio repair people, along with some of the area firemen, donated their services to erect an 80' antenna tower on the roof of the hospital. At the same time we removed our antenna mast of 30' and moved our antenna to the top of the new tower which greatly improved the ability of our Repeater.

We appreciate the hospital providing us with space both for our radio equipment as well as room on their tower. Regular power is provided as well as having their auxiliary generator wired up to our radio for supply during power outages. In return we provide a manual operation of the repeater for the use of the hospital as an additional means of communication to the outside world in the event of an emergency and loss of telephone service.

All police departments in the county are now equipped with the new Federally funded hi-band two way radios in the

cruisers. Additional funding will be requested in 1975 for hand-held walkie talkies and other much needed communications.

A new base station radio to replace our Low Band Set was approved in the 1973 budget. This set arrived in the spring of '74. Much difficulty was experienced with the set because of the new "solid state" apparatus which has replaced the old relay types and the induced AC on the telephone control line to Hyland Hill. Because of the unreliability of the Base caused by these problems, I refused to accept the radio and returned it. The money was also returned to the general fund. This does not change the fact the radio needs replacing (purchased in 1954) and a request will be made in the 1975 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. CALLAHAN,
Communications Officer

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME AND MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL

Westmoreland, N. H.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

As Nursing Home Administrator-Superintendent and Director of Nursing-Matron of Cheshire County Home and Maplewood Nursing Home and Cheshire County House of Correction, Jail and Farm, we herein submit our annual report.

Enforcement and changing regulations of nursing home standards have kept us busy upgrading and revising standards, procedures and policies. A new Food Service Supervisor and Laundry Manager have been added to our staff. We now have a Social Worker assigned to the institution on a regular part-time basis under the supervision of a consultant. Contracted ancillary services have been added with the Cheshire Hospital.

Many hours have been spent with John Wallace and committee in preparing proposals for Health Care Advisory Committees for a new nursing home.

This year appears to have more community involvement and interest in county government with the Ladies Aid, Pastoral Ministry of Cheshire County, Cheshire Hospital School of Nursing, students from Franklin Pierce College, Keene State College and area grammar and high schools visiting and touring

the institution. Many groups have also given time, talents and monies to the elderly.

Rev. Smith resigned in February. The Pastoral Ministry of Cheshire County and other area ministers have filled the vacancy in the absence of a regular full-time Protestant clergy. Father DiGiulio still makes his regular visits for Mass and visitations as Catholic clergy.

Dr. O'Connor, Dr. Sanctuary and Dr. Tatem have been very patient and helpful in doing extra paper work to help us meet the new regulations. Their dedication is very much appreciated.

The new sewerage plant went into operation in October. The maintenance staff made connections from the two farm houses and milk room into the main sewerage line. Now we meet regulations for pollution control. Marvin Snyder has taken courses in sewerage management and is in charge of the new plant.

Construction started on the new jail in July. The outside construction was completed enough so work could proceed on the inside this winter. Target date for completion is June 1, 1975.

The farm showed a small profit this year with the credit of produce and meat that was raised for institutional use.

We wish to express our thanks to the Commissioners, Doctors, Staff, Sheriff and his department, County Attorney, Clerk of Court, Office Staff, Probation Department, Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid and County Delegation Nursing Home Building Committee for their cooperation in making 1974 a year of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET C. WATERMAN, R.N.
Director of Nursing and Matron

CHARLES R. WATERMAN, N.H.A.
Administrator and Superintendent

FOOD INVENTORY — JANUARY, 1, 1975

Cooler	\$566 71
Freezer	5,295 20
Storeroom	4,603 61
Root Cellar	921 00
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	\$11,386 52

INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD FARM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1974

Farm Equipment, Shop & Plumbing Supplies	\$27,000 00
Boilerhouse, Laundry & Equipment	29,000 00
Hospital Equipment & Supplies	25,000 00
Freezer Plant Equipment	18,000 00
Furniture & Supplies	17,000 00
Groceries & Supplies	12,000 00
Wood & Fuel Oil	3,000 00
Livestock	40,000 00
Sawed Lumber	1,800 00
Hay, Grain & Ensilage	14,000 00
TV Cable	2,000 00
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	\$188,800 00

PRODUCE USED FROM THE FARM**BEEF:**

3084½ Lbs. Dressed Beef	.85	\$2,621 83
1850¾ Lbs. Dressed Beef	.80	1,480 60
1111 Lbs. Dressed Beef	.75	833 25
3630 Lbs. Dressed Beef	.70	2,541 00

PORK:

1766 Lbs. Pork (Dressed)	.65	1,147 90
1934 Lbs. Dressed Pork	.55	1,063 70
968 Lbs. Dressed Pork	.50	484 00

FOWL:

621 Lbs. Fowl	.51	316 71
276 Lbs. Fowl	.41	113 16

EGGS:

894 Doz. Eggs	.60	536 40
1778 Doz. Eggs	.70	1,244 60
1747 Doz. Eggs	.80	1,397 60

VEGETABLES:

Asparagus, 605 Lbs.	.60	363 00
Beans (Shell), 10 bushel	5.00	50 00
Beans (String), 12 bushel	5.00	60 00
Beets, 30 crates	3.50	105 00
Beet Greens, 21 crates	3.50	73 50
Broccoli, 25 crates	5.00	125 00
Cabbage, 1300 lbs.	.10	130 00
Carrots, 40 crates	5.00	200 00
Cauliflower, 11 crates	6.00	66 00

Celery, 30 crates	5.00	150 00
Corn, 887 dozen	.60	532 20
Cucumbers, 35 crates	5.00	175 00
Eggplant, 14 crates	6.00	84 00
Lettuce, 17½ crates	4.00	70 00
Melons, 26 crates	5.00	130 00
Onions, 100 bushel	4.00	400 00
Parsnips, 42 crates	4.00	168 00
Peas, 6 bushel	5.00	30 00
Peppers, 33 crates	6.00	198 00
Potatoes, 350 bushel	4.80	1,680 00
Raspberries, 103 quarts	1.00	103 00
Rhubarb, 598 lbs.	.10	59 80
Spinach, 62 crates	3.00	186 00
Squash (Summer), 25 crates	3.00	75 00
Squash (Winter), 1500 lbs.	.05	75 00
Strawberries, 245 quarts	.75	183 75
Swiss Chard, 64 crates	2.50	160 00
Tomatoes, 132 crates	4.00	528 00
Turnips, 12 crates	3.00	36 00
Watermelons, 150	.75	112 50
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		\$20,089 50

STOCK ON THE FARM — JANUARY 1, 1975**COWS:**

- 63 Registered Holstein Cows
- 1 Grade Holstein Cow
- 3 Registered Holstein Heifers (Over 2 years)
- 18 Registered Holstein Heifers (Over 1 year)
- 34 Registered Holstein Heifers (Under 1 year)
- 2 Steers for Meat (Over 2 years)

HOGS:

- 9 Brood Sows
- 12 Breed Gilts
- 1 Service Age Boar
- 1 Small Boar
- 13 Shoats
- 35 Suckling Pigs

HENS:

- 200 Old Hens
- 225 Pullets

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL
COST STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

Exhibit A

	Total Amount	Cost Per Patient Day			Men's Dormitory
		Average	Full	Partial	
Direct Costs					
Dietary, including Food, Wages, and Supplies	\$63,582 00	\$2 70	\$2 70	\$2 70	\$ 2 70
Nursing Care	185,264 00	7 77	13 31	6 66	2 59
Physicians and Special Services	14,549 00	61	61	61	61
Total Direct Costs	\$263,395 00	\$11 08	\$16 62	\$9 97	\$5 90
Indirect Costs					
Administration	\$76,244 00	3 20	3 20	3 20	3 20
Property and Plant Operations and Maintenance	95,574 00	4 01	4 01	4 01	4 01
Laundry and Linen	16,310 00	68	68	68	68
Housekeeping	12,994 00	54	54	54	54
Total Indirect Costs	\$201,122 00	\$8 43	\$8 43	\$8 43	\$8 43
TOTAL COST	\$464,517 00				
Cost Per Patient Day for the Year Ended December 31, 1974		\$19 51	\$25 05	\$18 40	\$14 33
Number of Patient Days*		23,853	8,349	8,349	7,155
Nursing Care Allocated		\$185,264	\$111,158	\$55,579	\$18,527
Percent of Total Nursing Care		100%	60%	30%	10%
Cost Per Patient Day for 1973		\$15 13	\$19 99	\$14 15	\$10 58
Cost Per Patient Day for 1972		\$13 95	\$17 13	\$12 36	\$10 74

Note: The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

*The percentage ratios were changed to 35, 35 and 30 in 1973 from 40, 40 and 20 in prior years.

Exhibit B

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

Schedule	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1973	Increase or (Decrease)
Income — Board and Care, and Drugs Sold to Patients — Exhibit B	\$304,392	\$289,072	\$15,320
Less: Drugs Sold to Patients (Offset Against Drugs Purchased — See Schedule B-2)	11,512	11,049	463
Income — Board and Care	\$292,880	\$278,023	\$14,857
Operating Expenses			
Dietary B-1	63,582	49,611	13,971
Nursing Care B-2	185,264	166,148	19,116
Other Services B-3	14,549	13,244	1,305
Administration B-4	76,244	47,736	28,508
Plant Operations B-5	95,574	70,083	25,491
Laundry and Linen B-6	16,310	7,013	9,297
Housekeeping B-7	12,994	14,849	(1,855)
Total Operating Expenses	\$464,517	\$368,684	\$95,833
NET DEFICIT —			
Home and Hospital	171,637	90,661	80,976
Jail Operating Cost — Exhibit C	77,974	58,813	19,161
Farm — Net (Loss) Income — Exhibit D	(8,587)	1,910	(10,497)
TOTAL DEFICIT	\$241,024	\$151,384	\$89,640

Comments on Operations

Exhibit A is a Cost Statement for the Cheshire County Home and Maplewood Hospital. The cost per patient day is based on total patient days of 23,853. The average cost per patient day was \$19.51 for the year 1974 as compared with \$15.13 for 1973. The increase is attributable to increased costs, most notably, those involving labor and utilities.

Exhibit B is a Statement of Income for the County Home and Maplewood Hospital. Total income amounted to \$304,392 and total expenses, excluding the Jail and Farm, amounted to \$464,517, resulting in a deficit of \$171,637.

Schedule B-1

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL
COMPARATIVE DETAILS OF OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1973	Increase or (Decrease)
Dietary			
Food (Less Employees' Meals)	\$40,449	\$25,496	\$14,953
Salaries	35,510	31,345	4,165
Supplies	1,854	1,189	665
Total	\$77,813	\$58,030	\$19,783
Less: Meals to Jail	14,231	8,419	5,812
Totals — Exhibit B	\$63,582	\$49,611	\$13,971

Nursing Care		Schedule B-2	
Salaries — R.N.	\$45,853	\$41,577	\$4,276
Salaries — Other	138,681	124,638	14,043
Supplies, Including Drugs	12,242	10,982	1,260
Total	\$196,776	\$177,197	\$19,579
Less: Drugs Sold to Patients	11,512	11,049	463
Totals — Exhibit B	\$185,264	\$166,148	\$19,116

Other Services		Schedule B-3	
Rehabilitation	\$6,463	\$5,719	\$744
Physicians	5,500	5,000	500
Purchased Services	1,886	1,825	61
Religion	700	700	
Totals — Exhibit B	\$14,549	\$13,244	\$1,305

Administration		Schedule B-4	
Salaries	\$21,739	\$18,554	\$3,185
Commissioners' Office Expense*	33,592	5,600	27,992
Social Security	17,926	15,577	2,349
Insurance	7,113	8,612	(1,499)
Bad Debts		962	(962)
Communications	1,409	1,528	(119)
Supplies	1,270	850	420
Travel	1,667	1,357	310
Totals	\$84,716	\$53,040	\$31,676
Allocation to Jail — 10%	8,472	5,304	3,168
Totals — Exhibit B	\$76,244	\$47,736	\$28,508

*1974 figure based on actual cost allocation.

Plant Operations		Schedule B-5	
Salaries and Wages	\$38,443	\$32,092	\$3,351
Fuel	32,728	13,315	19,413
Gas	1,710	752	958
Lights	8,552	6,102	2,450
Maintenance	7,554	7,331	223
Purchased Services	3,135	3,131	4
Supplies	3,714	4,930	(1,216)
Commissioners' Office Expense	1,672		1,672
Interest	3,600	2,500	1,100
Depreciation	11,200	10,400	800
New Equipment	3,685	2,189	1,496
Totals	\$115,993	\$85,742	\$30,251
Allocation to Jail — 8%	9,279	6,859	2,420
Totals	\$106,714	\$78,883	\$27,831
Less: Rooms to Employees	11,140	8,800	2,340
Totals — Exhibit B	\$95,574	\$70,083	\$25,491

Laundry and Linen		Schedule B-6	
Salaries	\$13,204	\$4,389	\$8,815
Supplies	3,106	2,624	482
Totals — Exhibit B	\$16,310	\$7,013	\$9,297

Housekeeping		Schedule B-7	
Salaries	\$11,414	\$13,260	\$(1,846)
Supplies	1,580	1,589	(9)
Totals — Exhibit B	\$12,994	\$14,849	\$(1,855)

Exhibit C

CHESHIRE COUNTY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS — JAIL
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

	December 31, 1974	1973	Increase or (Decrease)
Wages	\$37,908	\$33,892	\$4,016
Social Security	2,218	1,983	235
Clothing and Supplies	2,020	1,722	298
Repairs and Maintenance	123	245	(122)
Insurance	305	389	(84)
Meals from Dietary	14,231	8,419	5,812
Commissioners' Office Expense	3,418		3,418
Administration	8,472	5,304	3,168
Property and Plant — Operations and Maintenance	9,279	6,859	2,420
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$77,974	\$58,813	\$19,161
Number of Days	5,330	4,127	1,203
Cost Per Day	\$14 63	\$14 25	\$ 38

NOTE: The higher cost per day is due to an increase in wages and expenses allocated from other departments.

Exhibit D

CHESHIRE COUNTY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME — FARM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

	December 31, 1974	1973	Increase or (Decrease)
Income			
Sale of Milk	\$73,678	\$60,806	\$12,872
Sale of Livestock	8,062	5,454	2,608
Sale of Wood	6,510	4,085	2,425
Sale of Produce and Hay	1,065	2,246	(1,181)
Miscellaneous Income	927	1,491	(564)
Farm Income — Exhibit B	\$90,242	\$74,082	\$16,160
Transfer of Produce to Dietary	20,090	15,566	4,524
Total Income	\$110,332	\$89,648	\$20,684
Operating Expenses			
Wages	28,834	27,369	1,465
Feed, Bedding and Seed	41,315	35,265	6,050
Purchases — Pullets	675	675	
Purchases — Pigs		50	(50)
Gasoline, Oil and Grease	1,860	1,092	768
Veterinary Fees and Supplies	1,705	1,369	336
Social Security Taxes	1,498	1,486	12
Breeding and Testing	2,447	1,711	736
Repairs to Building and Equipment	3,865	3,850	15
Occupancy, Heat, Light and Taxes	7,175	5,900	1,275
Supplies	2,112	1,763	349
Insurance	3,797	4,218	(421)
Commissioners' Office Expense	3,394		3,394
Rent of Land	1,071	1,085	(14)
Total Operating Expenses	\$99,748	\$85,833	\$13,915
Net Operating Income	\$10,584	\$3,815	\$6,769
New Equipment Purchased	1,997	5,725	(3,728)
NET INCOME (LOSS) — Exhibit B	\$8,587	\$(1,910)	\$10,497

JAIL & HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1974

Name	Age	Time Served Wk. Day	Name	Age	Time Served Wk. Day
Anderson, Phillip	25	1	Gates, Donald	63	1
Avery, Lee	21	1 3	Gerbert, Raymond	26	1
Bailey, Donald	20	4 5	Glushien, Gary	27	2
Ball, Richard	29	5 5	Gokey, Frederick	61	12 3
Barrett, Fred	32	5 6	Goodnow, Wayne	21	10 4
Begins, Michelle	—	1	Greenlaw, Ronald	20	1
Benoit, David	20	1	Grover, Ken	30	1
Bent, Milton	52	1	Guillemette, Roger	39	1
Blackmer, Charles	21	1 3	Guyer, Anthony	25	5 5
Blanchette, Donna	18	3	Hadley, Wendell	56	2 1
Bohannon, Gerald	18	9 3	Harris, Frederick	18	5 5
Borden, Douglas	17	14	Haskell, Dean	20	14 6
Brady, John	21	3	Haskell, Harold	18	6 4
Brandt, Enoch	67	1 3	Hastings, Sidney	18	1
Buchanan, Earl	26	1	Henderson, Terry	25	2 4
Buckley, Joseph	18	22 6	Hicks, Dennis	23	3
Bundy, Herbert	41	3	Hillock, Robert	29	4 4
Burke, Thomas M.	18	1	Holmberg, Ronald	24	1
Cadmus, William	17	21 4	Howe, Robert	24	1
Carey, Douglas	22	29 4	Howe, Rodney	17	1
Carlson, Richard, Jr.	18	1 3	Hoyt, Charles	27	6 4
Chamberlain, Peter	23	1	Hudson, Robert	27	20 6
Cheney, Michael	22	1	Ingle, David	24	4
Chevalier, Edmond	28	1	Johnson, Kevin	18	1
Chmielewski, Philip	35	1	Jones, McCoy	40	5
Chotain, Dan	16	1	Jordon, Michael	24	1
Clapp, Richard	38	4	Kokinos, Harold	19	1 2
Clay, Lee	17	2	Labbe, Kenneth	22	1
Conboy, Lawrence	51	1 6	Labshere, Arthur	29	2 6
Cooper, Douglas	23	2	La Clair, George	37	8 2
Crocker, Bradford	19	26 1	La Clair, Richard	23	5
Cutter, Lionel	25	1	La Count, Gary	18	2
Dear, James	18	6 2	La Fond, Paul	29	19 2
Dee, Dennis	18	14 4	Lanoie, Malcolm	18	5 6
Derosier, Leo	37	8 4	Lancey, Bruce, Sr.	24	2
Derosier, Robert	19	5 5	Lathem, Fred	20	3
Dicey, Gordon, Jr.	24	7	Lawrence, Dana R.	25	8
Dodge, John	17	1 3	Lemieur, Benjamin	21	2 6
Donoghue, Edward	35	10 4	Loiselle, Joseph	57	1
Duffey, Jon	21	5	Lovett, Walter J., Jr.	43	1
Dunton, George, III	23	5 5	Lower, Bruce	23	6 2
Dunton, Keith	19	39 6	Lyonais, William	17	2
Earle, Carl E., Jr.	19	41 3	Mann, Robert	20	1
Erickson, Frederick	17	2	Matthews, Donald H.	52	1
Fannie, Lonnie	21	1 5	Mark, David	37	2 5
Fifield, Dale	18	2 2	McColleston, Colin E.	32	8 4
Files, Richard	36	4	Mecheski, Paul M.	23	1
Fish, Florence	17	11 5	Milo, Robert	50	1
Fish, Gerald	39	2	Midwinter, James L.	28	1
Fisher, Reed	18	5	Miner, Daryl	24	1
Fitzgibbons, Carolyn	20	1	Minott, Frank	23	1
Flanders, Daniel W.	17	1 1	Mitchell, Douglas	31	4
Foss, Gilbert L., Sr.	39	2 5	Monette, Randy	26	2
Freeman, David J.	18	13 1	Osborne, Tracy	17	6 3
Gagne, William	36	13 4	Oski, James	33	4

Name	Time Served			Name	Time Served		
	Age	Wk.	Day		Age	Wk.	Day
Parizo, Robert A., Jr.	19	3	1	Simpson, Kim B.	17		3
Patria, Andy	17	2	6	Sinclair, Raymond	20		5
Paul, Dennis	18	1	3	Smart, Lawrence	18	4	1
Pearl, David B.	20	12		Snow, Thomas S.	34		1
Pelkey, Richard	32	2		Spitz, Antone	41		1
Petipas, Walter A.	22		1	Stratton, James	27	3	3
Ploppert, David	26		3	Tedford, Robert	18	1	3
Ploppert, Kenneth	27		3	Temple, John	26		1
Poland, Forrest	36		1	Tewell, Thomas, Jr.	18	1	3
Porter, Harold	29		2	Tobey, Carl R., Sr.	34		2
Rau, Norbert	20	42		Tommila, George	25	1	1
Rawson, Sidney	17	1	1	Tommila, Mark	21		4
Raymond, Donald	18	5	3	Underwood, David	17	3	2
Redfield, Paul	47		1	Underwood, Kim	18	2	4
Richards, Ronald H.	17		1	Vigue, Albert	37	16	2
Rowlands, Duane	29		2	Weaver, David	27	1	5
Ruelke, Peter	22		1	Webster, Henry C.	31	3	2
Russell, Philip J.	23	4	1	Weeks, Randy	20		8
Savitz, Robert	24	8	5	Weir, Evelyn	53	1	4
Scribner, Ernest H.	24	4	2	Wheeler, James	39		1
Scroggins, Benjamin	19		1	Whitney, Norman D.	17	15	5
Shattuck, Charles	18	5	4	Wilbur, Jerry	33		2
Shepard, Allan	24		1	Wilson, Clifford, Jr.	31	2	3
Shepley, Steven	21		1	Wilson, Donald	26	1	2
Simons, Patricia	26	31		Winters, Gerald	17		6
Simpson, Harold, Jr.	17	1	6	Wizansky, Richard	28		1

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JANUARY TERM 1974

Cheshire County

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$8,540 18
To Charges to County		
Return of 82 divorcees		53 30
Mittimi		70 00
Capii		105 00
Entry fee 34 State cases		170 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals		120 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity		75 00
To Cash paid out		
Postage and incidentals		287 50

By credits:

Fines received	\$2,375 00
Sale of Rules of Court	10 00
3 Entries @ \$5.00	15 00
30 Entries @ \$15.00	450 00
2 Entries @ \$20.00	40 00
153 Entries @ \$10.00	1,530 00
46 Civil #15800-15858	
104 Equity #11483-11598 (No entry fee on reciprocals and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)	
27 Appeals	135 00
3 Sessions #608-610	
Items chargeable to County	593 30
Other fees for benefit of County	86 20
Miscellaneous credits	284 78

Drawn on County Treasurer:

January 31, 1974	\$93 75	
February 28, 1974	1,523 57	
March 31, 1974	2,284 38	3,901 70

\$9,420 98 \$9,420 98

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through March 31, 1974.

/s/ MARTIN F. LOUGHLIN

April 2, 1974.

A true copy, Attest:

Charles J. Contas, Clerk

APRIL TERM 1974

Cheshire County

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$16,503 95
To Charges to County		
Return of 121 divorces		78 65
Mittimi		95 00
Capii		140 00
Entry fee, 58 State cases		290 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals		170 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity		172 00

To Cash paid out	
Postage and incidentals	238 40

By credits:

Fines received	\$1,715 00
2 Entries @ \$5.00	10 00
67 Entries @ \$15.00	1,005 00
280 Entries @ \$10.00	2,800 00
67 Civil #15859-15985	
206 Equity #11599-11833 (No entry fee on reciprocals and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)	
68 Appeals	340 00
7 Sessions #611-617	
Items chargeable to County	945 65
Other fees for benefit of County	320 10
Miscellaneous credits	2,079 99

Drawn on County Treasurer:

April 30, 1974	\$1,502 53	
May 31, 1974	1,021 32	
June 30, 1974	2,163 85	
July 31, 1974	1,723 81	
August 31, 1974	2,060 75	8,472 26
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	\$17,688 00	\$17,688 00

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through August 31, 1974.

/s/ JOHN W. KING

September 6, 1974.

A true copy, Attest:

Charles J. Contas, Clerk

SEPTEMBER TERM 1974

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$14,220 81
To Charges to County		
Return of 108 divorces		70 20
Mittimi		50 00
Capii		140 00
Entry fee, 45 State cases		225 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals		190 00

Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity		237 00
To Cash paid out		
Postage and incidentals		177 55
By credits:		
Fines received	\$2,805 00	
Sale of Rules of Court	10 00	
2 Entries @ \$5.00	10 00	
44 Entries @ \$15.00	660 00	
206 Entries @ \$10.00	2,060 00	
72 Civil #15986-16091		
129 Equity #11834-11995		
56 Appeals	280 00	
5 Sessions #618-622		
Items chargeable to County	912 20	
Other fees for benefit of County	408 40	
Miscellaneous credits	852 69	
Drawn on County Treasurer:		
September 30, 1974	\$1,764 05	
October 31, 1974	456 04	
November 30, 1974	2,718 12	
December 31, 1974	2,374 06	7,312 27
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	\$15,310 56	\$15,310 56

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through December 31, 1974.

/s/ MARTIN F. LOUGHLIN

January 3, 1975.

Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest:

Charles J. Contas, Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

The year 1974 was a busy year for the Office of the County Attorney. Fortunately, the County Convention approved the appointment of an Assistant County Attorney and the appointment came none too soon. The Superior Court has increased its activity over the years so that at the present time there are

three terms beginning in September and running through until the end of June, with short breaks between the terms. The majority of all cases scheduled and tried have recently been the commission of felonies and a substantial number of appealed cases from findings in the District Courts. The case load for the Office of the County Attorney has substantially increased. Because of the addition of the Assistant County Attorney we have been able to keep up with the trial demands. Also, we have been able to reduce the time-lag between arrest and trial substantially. It used to take a year and a half for a felony case to come to trial, now, we are able to set these cases for trial between six months and nine months after the arrest.

In addition to an increase in the handling of criminal cases by the Office of the County Attorney, there has been an increasing demand on this office for opinions and advice relative to various county administration matters. The controversy with respect to the construction of the County Court House has continued. There is presently pending an appeal in the New Hampshire Supreme Court relative to the functions and responsibilities of the County Convention and the County Commissioners. This question has arisen as a result of a disagreement over the construction of the court house between those two bodies.

In spite of various differences of opinion relative to administrators function, I have continued to receive the cooperation from all of the members of the County Government and the County Officers and I thank them for their understanding and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY ATTORNEY
EDWARD J. O'BRIEN,
County Attorney

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Citizens of Cheshire County:

As Sheriff of Cheshire County, I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1974.

Investigations

Alarms Answered	14
Assault	11

Attempted Suicide	5
Attempted Burglary	4
Attempted Theft	3
Breaking & Entering	17
Burglary	101
Criminal Mischief	23
Criminal Trespass	3
Disorderly Conduct	7
Domestic	6
Drug Investigations	4
Fires	6
Forgery	6
Fraud	3
Harassment	3
Larceny	59
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	2
Missing Persons	5
Morals Complaints	8
Suspicious Persons	4
Threats	3
Worthless Checks	26
Miscellaneous	150
Sudden Deaths	42
Juvenile Respondents	10
Minors to Industrial School	6
Patients to State Hospital	13
Arrests	
Assault	4
Attempted Burglary	1
Bench Warrant	1
Breaking & Entering	1
Burglary	11
Contempt of Court	45
Criminal Mischief	14
Criminal Threatening	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Escape	4
Failure to Obtain Vendor's License	2
Forgery	6
Fugitive from Justice	13
Hit & Run	1
Issuing Bad Check	4
Larceny	5
Larceny by Check	1
Mittimus	6
Possession of Controlled Drugs	2
Rape	1

Receiving Stolen Property	2
Robbery	4
Taking Without Authority	1
Traffic Violations	2
Violation of Probation	3
Violation of Unemployment	1

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court Sessions for 1974.

JANUARY TERM 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 38 days @ \$22.00	\$836 00
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 38 days @ \$3.20	121 60
One meal per day, 37 days @ \$2.00 (1 day out for Jury dinner)	74 00

\$1,031 60

Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner

Court Attendance 13 days @ \$22.00	\$286 00
Mileage, 14 mi. per day, 13 days @ \$1.40	18 20
One meal per day, 13 days @ \$2.00	26 00

330 20

Deputy Sheriff William F. Smith

Court Attendance 27 days @ \$22.00	\$594 00
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 27 days @ \$3.60	97 20
One meal per day, 26 days @ \$2.00 (1 day out for Jury dinner)	52 00

743 20

APRIL TERM 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 29 days @ \$22.00	\$638 00
Court Attendance 8 days @ \$27.00	216 00
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 37 days @ \$3.20	118 40

One meal per day, 34 days @ \$2.00	68 00
(3 days out for Jury dinner)	

1,040 40

Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner

Court Attendance 23 days @ \$22.00	\$506 00
Court Attendance 9 days @ \$27.00	243 00
Mileage, 14 mi. per day,	
32 days @ \$1.40	44 80
One meal per day, 29 days @ \$2.00	58 00
(3 days out for Jury dinner)	

851 80

Deputy Sheriff Lawrence G. Sweeney

Court Attendance 1 day @ \$22.00	\$22 00
Court Attendance 1 day @ \$27.00	27 00
Mileage, 30 mi. per day,	
2 days @ \$3.00	6 00
One meal per day, 2 days @ \$2.00	4 00

59 00

SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 25, 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 1 day @ \$27.00	\$27 00
Mileage, 32 mi. per day,	
1 day @ \$3.20	3 20
One meal per day, 1 day @ \$2.00	2 00

32 20

SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 27, 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 1 day @ \$27.00	\$27 00
Mileage, 32 mi. per day,	
1 day @ \$3.20	3 20
One meal per day, 1 day @ \$2.00	2 00

32 20

SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 1 day @ \$27.00 \$27 00

Mileage, 32 mi. per day,
1 day @ \$3.20 3 20

One meal per day, 1 day @ \$2.00 2 00

32 20

SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 6, 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 1 day @ \$27.00 \$27 00

Mileage, 32 mi. per day,
1 day @ \$3.20 3 20

One meal per day, 1 day @ \$2.00 2 00

32 20

SEPTEMBER TERM 1974

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

Court Attendance 27 days @ \$27.00 \$729 00

Court Attendance 1 night @ \$13.50 13 50

Mileage, 32 mi. per day,
27 days @ \$3.20 86 40One meal per day, 25 days @ \$2.00 50 00
(2 days out for Jury dinner)

878 90

Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner

Court Attendance 22 days @ \$27.00 \$594 00

Mileage, 14 mi. per day,
22 days @ \$1.40 30 80

One meal per day, 22 days @ \$2.00 44 00

668 80

Deputy Sheriff Warren W. Dearth

Court Attendance 17 days @ \$27.00 \$459 00

Court Attendance 1 night @ \$13.50 13 50

Mileage, 2 mi. per day,
17 days @ \$.20 3 40One meal per day, 15 days @ \$2.00 30 00
(2 days out for Jury Dinner)

505 90

Deputy Sheriff Lawrence G. Sweeney	
Court Attendance 4 days @ \$27.00	\$108 00
Mileage, 30 mi. per day,	
4 days @ \$3.00	12 00
One meal per day, 4 days @ \$2.00	8 00
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	128 00
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	\$6,366 60

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE W. SCHNYER,
 Sheriff

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

1974

Extension Service Personnel:

Bruce A. Clement, Agricultural Agent
 Shirley M. Kendall, Home Economist
 Marcius R. Butterfield, 4-H Youth Development Agent
 Judith E. Farrey, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development
 John R. Ferguson, Jr., Forester
 Clerks: Esther I. Smith
 Beatrice A. Griswold

Combined Total Fiscal Summary 1974:

County	\$44,522 90
State and Federal	30,855 00
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Combined County, State and Federal	\$75,377 90

County Budget Summary 1974:

Balance on hand January 1, 1974	\$839 90
Appropriation 1974	43,683 00
Other (supplies and tax reimbursement, insurance dividend)	179 75
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Total County Funds	\$44,702 65
Funds Expended	42,113 25
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Balance on hand January 1, 1975	\$2,589 40

Breakdown of 1974 Expenses:

Salaries (agents and clerks)	\$29,105 00
Summer Assistant	750 00
Travel (agents)	4,435 84
Express, parcel post	10 30
Telephone, postage	1,688 45
Printing	87 00
Rents (office, equipment)	2,642 90
Repairs to equipment	111 70
Supplies	1,546 10
Equipment	765 00
Taxes (Social Security)	819 59
Misc. (insurance, bank service charges, etc.)	151 37
Total Expenses	\$42,113 25

1974 Extension Service Council:

Mrs. Marie McCarthy, Keene, Chairman
 Calvin Frink, Surry, Vice Chairman
 Mrs. Barbara Haggart, Keene, Secretary
 Mrs. Virginia Strout, Alstead, Treasurer
 Ralph Hoyt, Rindge
 Bruce Amadon, Keene
 Mrs. Nancy Griswold, Keene
 John Tommila, Fitzwilliam
 Allan Plumb, Marlow
 Norbert Hudson, Walpole
 Archie Coll, Jr., Jaffrey
 Francis Plumb, Walpole
 Mrs. Virginia Turner, Sullivan, County Delegation

FIRE MUTUAL AID

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, County Convention and voters of Cheshire County.

It is indeed a pleasure to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1974.

Fire Report

Auto Accidents	231
Brush and Grass Fires	269
Vehicles (cars)	115
Chimney	172
Electrical	83

Street Boxes	109
Oil Burner	40
Stove	32
Resuscitator Calls	68
Mobile Homes	21
Wash Gas (Leaking Tanks)	67
Building Fires	197
Smoke Investigations	152
Rescue Calls	91
Ambulance Calls	436
False Alarms	144
Mutual Aid (Assistance)	597
Dumps	93
Total Calls	<hr/> 2,917

The fuel shortage together with the increased prices of fuel oil and gas are reflected in the above figures. The number of calls reporting auto accidents were down by 61, perhaps also reflecting the 55 mile an hour speed limit. The increased use of wood as a fuel instead of oil is also very much reflected as the chimney fire calls increased by 105 over 1973 when we recorded just 68.

The above statistics reflect the type of call received. Conditions very often differ with the arrival of the apparatus and a fire report, for example a smoke investigation request over the phone, could well turn out to be a house fire upon arrival of the Fire Company who find the source of the smoke as perhaps a completely involved cellar or attic.

The ambulance calls reflect only the calls received by our Dispatchers although we were involved by radio in working with the area ambulances in over 2500 calls. Plans are also being formulated to set up a "running card" index similar to that used for Fire Apparatus which will include all the ambulances in the area. When one is in service and unavailable for a call the next nearest ambulance on the "running card" will be called by our dispatcher. He will be kept informed as to the status of all ambulances at all times. This should provide for much more efficient coverage by these services. It is most comforting to know that all area ambulance services have agreed to this "Mutual Aid" type of plan. By the time this plan is ready to implement all area ambulances should be equipped with new "Emergency Medical System" Radios which will allow them to talk to Fire Mutual Aid and all area hospitals, local and including Hanover and Boston.

597 Mutual Aid Calls include three types of assistance :

1. A fire that is large enough to require outside assistance.
2. Because of anticipated problems ie. lack of water, size or type of occupancy etc. for which we have set up an automatic response of outside apparatus upon receipt of the call and
3. Because of the type of occupancy a pre-fire plan has been made wherein outside departments are dispatched and their part in the fire attack has been pre-planned, their duties are relayed to them via radio from Mutual Aid as they are traveling to the scene.

3,582 fire trucks were dispatched during 1974 to assist in the above Mutual Aid Calls.

For many years a Fall Fire School for Area Firemen has been conducted at the Meadowood Training Grounds. As many as 1400 firemen have attended classes on the two-day weekend. Recognizing the desire of the firemen for training, Meadowood added another such school in the spring which has become an Annual School. The training grounds are made available to any fire department that wants to use them during the snow-free months.

A much needed additional dispatcher was added to the second shift on June 4, 1974. The additional workload caused by the increase in alarm terminals, Police Communications, ambulance calls etc. required the added man. In the near future it will be necessary to have two men around the clock to be able to handle the workload.

About midyear we started a count on incoming phone calls. On the basis of our county we will handle 63,156 incoming phone calls in '75.

A new status board was placed on order in December. A requirement of the Insurance Underwriters is that we have an up-to-the-minute visual status of all fire apparatus. A peg board used in the past was outgrown and will be replaced by a magnetic board. In ordering the symbols our new inventory shows 247 fire trucks in the system.

Granite State-Honeywell Protection Services continue to expand their services in the alarm area which accounts for much of our increased income to the County.

I would like to thank all of the fine people in our Safety Services for the great cooperation and help during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. CALLAHAN,

Chief Coordinator

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Balance, January 1, 1974	\$287
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Receipts:

Cheshire County	\$67,079
Assessments	11,108

Total Receipts	78,187
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Total Receipts and Balance	\$78,474
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Expenditures:

Salaries and Wages	\$58,592
Assessments Paid to Cheshire County	11,108
Dispatch Center	112
Auto Expenses	566
Office Supplies	448
State Retirement	3,422
Administrative Public Relations	137
Training	145
Clerical Wages	588
Insurance	200
Vacations	1,559
Uniforms	187
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	429

Total Expenditures	77,493
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Balance, December 31, 1974	\$981
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NEW HOPE — NEW HORIZONS, INC.**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1974****ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash

Ashuelot National Bank —	
Regular Account	\$25,552
Ashuelot National Bank —	
Workshop Account	790
Keene Savings Bank —	
Savings Account	45
Petty Cash	200

Total Current Assets	\$26,587
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Buildings and Equipment — At Cost:		
Building — Washington St.	\$40,697	
Building — Marlboro St.	22,068	
Vehicles	8,453	
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Total	\$71,218	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	3,680	
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Net Depreciated Value		67,538
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$94,125

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities:		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$20,961	
Notes Payable —		
Ashuelot National Bank	12,000	
Notes Payable — James Haddock Sr.	6,000	
Notes Payable —		
Indian Head National Bank	3,259	
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Total Current Liabilities		\$42,220
Mortgages Payable:		
Walpole Savings Bank	\$21,353	
Keene Co-Operative Bank	14,375	
John and Marion Paul	12,278	
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Total Mortgages Payable		48,006
Fund Balance:		
Balance, January 1, 1974	\$6,090	
Excess of Expenses Over Income —		
Exhibit B	(2,191)	
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Balance, December 31, 1974		3,899
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
FUND BALANCE		\$94,125

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Income:	
Cheshire County Appropriations	\$11,000
State of New Hampshire	214,446
Donations	23,055
School District	10,590

Miscellaneous	1,662	
Contract Work	388	
Dividends	5	
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Total Income		\$261,146
Expenses:		
Wages	\$149,054	
Payroll Taxes	12,683	
Fringe Benefits	4,592	
Rent	2,326	
Utilities	6,918	
Supplies	7,749	
Insurance	2,144	
Summer Program	11,000	
Travel	6,214	
Equipment	8,023	
Maintenance and Building		
Improvements	10,653	
Training	4,819	
Operation Cost and Food	7,544	
Miscellaneous	15,375	
Professional Services	5,059	
Interest	4,803	
Real Estate Taxes	609	
Bank Charges	92	
Depreciation	3,680	
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Total Expenses		263,337
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Excess of Expenses Over Income		\$(2,191)

